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# Office Action Summary

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 6-5-02
- ☒ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- ☐ Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) are subject to restriction or election requirement

## Application Papers

- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d).
- ☒ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a))

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The recited "wherein the composition is substantially free of ethylenically unsaturated group-containing monomers" does not have support in the specification and thus constitutes NEW MATTER. Negative limitation must have an exclusive support in the original specification, *Ex parte Grasselli*, 231 USPQ, 393-394.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hefner, Jr. et al (US 4,524,178) in view of JP 63-305160.

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Rejection is maintained for reason of record and following.

Contrary to applicant's assertion, the recited "wherein the composition is substantially free of ethylenically unsaturated group-containing monomers" permits the presence of vinyl compound since the specification failed to define said substantially free and the examiner interprets it being less than 50 wt%. The recitation of "consisting essentially of" in claim 8 alone cannot overcome the rejection based on the art reciting "comprising". See *In re De Lajarte*, 337 F2d 870, 143 USPQ 256 (CCPA, 1964); When applicant contends that modifying components in the reference composition are excluded by the recitation of "consisting essentially of", applicant has the burden of showing the basic and novel characteristics of his composition - i.e. a showing that the introduction of these components would materially change the characteristics of applicant's composition.

Note that Hefner, Jr. et al teach the instant bis(hydroxypropyl)bisphenol A, and JP is cited to show the amount (mol%) of an alkylene oxide adduct in an unsaturated polyester and polyesteramide regardless of a hydrogenation. Besides, Hefner, Jr. et al teach employing said adduct, bis(hydroxypropyl)bisphenol A and a mixture of polyols at col. 3, lines 36-46, and thus the utilization of the instant mol% is a *prima facie* obviousness even without JP.

Applicant asserts unexpected results, the invention does not have the smell and safety problems, however, applicant teaches that even comparative examples have no irritating smell at page 15, line 21. Thus, such assertion has no probative value. Besides, the comparative example 1 having applicant's claimed upper limit, 49.5 mol% of the adduct, exhibits inferior properties as

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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